The U.S. Army Women’s Foundation

Hall of Fame Luncheon

In conjunction with

The Army Women in Transition Symposium

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Cannon Caucus Room
Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC
Booz Allen Hamilton Networking Session
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Welcome Remarks
Nicole Funk
Senior Vice President, Booz Allen Hamilton

Special Recognition Award
The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
United States Senate

 Introduced by
General (Ret) Richard A. Cody
Vice President, Washington Operations, L-3 Communications

Hall of Fame Luncheon
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies
Leon Harris
Anchor ABC7/WJLA-TV

Presentation of the Colors
District of Columbia Army National Guard Selected Honor Guard

National Anthem
Sergeant 1st Class Leigh Ann Hinton, USA

Welcome Remarks
Major General (Ret) Dee Ann McWilliams
President, U.S. Army Women’s Foundation

Keynote Speaker
Major General Janet Cobb
Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4 (Operations)

Lunch Served

Hall of Fame Inductees
U.S. Army Women Who Served in Vietnam

Legacy Scholarship Announcement
Colonel (Ret) Alice L.O’K. Demarais
U.S. AWF Board Member

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Mary Coleman Spring
U.S. AWF Board Member
Major General Cobb enlisted in the Army in 1974 and was commissioned in 1978. Throughout her career, she has served in operational assignments in Europe, Southwest Asia and the United States. She has commanded at every level from platoon to the United States Army Reserve Deployment Support Command.

Her principal staff assignments have been as the Personnel Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 324th Personnel and Administration Battalion, Administrative Officer, 121st Army Reserve Command, Briefing Officer, 314th Public Affairs Detachment, Motor Transport Planning Officer, 375th Transportation Group, Plans/Prestow Officer, 1184th Transportation Terminal Unit, Vessel Chief, 1184th Transportation Terminal Unit, S2/S3, 1184th Transportation Terminal Unit, Deputy Commander, 375th Transportation Group, Liaison Officer, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G4, Mobilization and Training, Office, Deputy Chief of Staff, G4, and Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G4 (Operations), Office, Deputy Chief of Staff, G4, Army Staff.

She commanded the 412th Replacement Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1184th Transportation Terminal Unit, 1184th Transportation Terminal Battalion (Kuwait and Alabama), 1190th Deployment Support Brigade (Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Rotterdam, Netherlands), and the United States Army Reserve Deployment Support Command.

Major General Cobb graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast and Film Communication and was commissioned through ROTC as a Second Lieutenant. She also holds a Juris Doctor degree from the Cumberland School of Law. She is a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the United States Army War College, where she earned a Master of Strategic Studies degree.

Major General Cobb’s awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation, Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal.
General Richard A. Cody was born in Montpelier, Vermont. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1972. He is a master Army Aviator, rated in over 19 Helicopters and has over 5,000 hours of flight time.

During his 36+ years of service, General Cody served in six of the Army’s combat divisions, the 25th Infantry Division, the 2nd Infantry Division, the 24th Infantry Division (MECH), the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), the 1st Cavalry Division and the 4th Infantry Division (MECH). General Cody’s command time includes Company Commander, E Company, 24th Aviation Battalion; Company Commander, B Company, 229th Attack Helicopter Battalion; Battalion Commander, 1st Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment (AH-64); Commander, 4th Brigade (Avn) 1st Cavalry Division; Commander, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment; and Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell, Ky.

General Cody held several key staff positions to include Assistant Division Commander, 4th Infantry Division (MECH); Deputy Commanding General, Task Force Hawk in Albania; Director of Operations, Plans and Mobilization, Department of the Army; Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Department of the Army; and he served as the 31st Vice Chief of Staff, Army from June 2004 to August 2008.

General Cody joined L-3 Communications, Inc. on 1 October 2008 as a Corporate Vice President.

General Cody is married to the former Vicki Lyn Heavner and they have two sons, Clint and Tyler, who are active duty Army Helicopter pilots.

Brigadier General (Ret) Evelyn P. Foote
U.S. AWF Advisory Board

Brigadier General Pat Foote, a native of Durham, North Carolina served over 30 years with the United States Army. Commissioned in 1960, she commanded soldiers at the company, battalion, brigade and major installation levels.

She was the first woman Army officer to serve on the faculty of the U.S. Army War College, the first woman officer to command an Army brigade in Europe and the first (and only) woman to be appointed as Army Deputy Inspector General for Inspections. Staff assignments included a tour of duty in Vietnam and as the Plans and Projects Officer for the Director of the Woman’s Army Corps in the early 70’s. Her final assignment before her retirement in 1989 was as Commanding General, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. She was recalled to active duty in 1996 to serve as Vice Chair of the Secretary of the Army’s Senior Review Panel on Sexual Harassment. She resumed her retired status in 1997.

Today, she continues to be involved in assessing current military personnel policies and public policy issues. In 2010 she was reappointed by President Obama to serve on the American Battle Monuments Commission.

She serves on a number of boards to include the Alliance for National Defense, the Army Women’s Foundation Advisory Board, the Board of Directors of Friends of the World War II Memorial Foundation, and the Board of Directors of Colmek Systems Engineering, Inc.
Senior Vice President Nicole Funk leads Booz Allen Hamilton’s efforts in support of U.S. military and defense clients. Ms. Funk’s numerous client engagements include supporting organizations involved in government research development and engineering, as well as other defense markets with a focus in the area of chemical, biological & nuclear defense, Army laboratories, aviation, tank & automotive, munitions, missiles & space and sustainment.

In addition to her leadership roles within Booz Allen, Ms. Funk is a Director for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Alliance; an Executive Board Member of the Greater Harford (Maryland) Committee; a member of the National Defense Industrial Association; and a Board Member of the Boys and Girls Club of Harford County. Ms. Funk holds an M.S. degree in biotechnology from Johns Hopkins University and a B.S. in biology from Frostburg State University. She also earned a Business Strategy Certification from the Round Table Group.

Leon Harris
Anchor, ABC7/WJLA-TV

Award-winning journalist Leon Harris anchors the 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts for ABC7/WJLA-TV. He came to Washington after 20 years at CNN’s Atlanta Headquarters, where he co-anchored CNN Live Today and Prime News, and hosted CNN Presents and American Stories.

Harris has covered a wide variety of stories including the September 11th terror strikes, the Oklahoma City bombing, the Asian Tsunami of 2004, the explosion and crash of TWA Flight 800 and the Los Angeles riots. He has interviewed presidential candidates, and reported live from both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions.

Harris’ work has earned him a number of honors, among them multiple CableAce awards for Best Newscaster, and National Emmy Awards for coverage of the September 11th terror strikes, the Oklahoma City bombing and the 2000 presidential election. He was honored, too, with a National Headliner Award and more recently with a National Capital Area Emmy Award for Best Anchor.

A Cum Laude and honorary doctorate recipient from Ohio University, Leon Harris is passionate about improving the lives of children and serves on numerous charitable boards including those of For the Love of Children, Junior Achievement of the National Capital Area, and MenzFit.

Daniel K. Inouye
United States Senator

Daniel K. Inouye, the most senior member of the U.S. Senate and the President Pro-Tempore, is known for his distinguished record as a legislative leader, and as a World War II combat veteran with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, who earned the nation’s highest award for military valor, the Medal of Honor.

He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962 and is now serving his ninth consecutive term.

As Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and of the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator Inouye has been able to focus on defense
matters that strengthen national security, and enhance the quality of life for military personnel and their families.

This reflects his hope for a more secure world, and his desire to provide the best possible assistance to the men and women who put their lives at risk to protect the United States.

He is the Ranking Democrat on the Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee and the Indian Affairs Committee and sits on the Rules Committee. In addition, he helped establish the Inter-parliamentary Exchange Program between the U.S. Senate and Japan’s legislature. The Government of Japan presented him with the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun in 2000 and in 2011, they made Senator Inouye the seventh American and the first of Japanese descent to receive the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Paulownia Flowers, the highest award in the order of the Rising Sun.

He became the first Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in 1976, served as the third-ranking leader among Senate Democrats as Secretary of the Democratic Conference from January 1979 through 1988.

He chaired the Senate Democratic Central America Study Group to assess U.S. policy and served as Senior Counselor to the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America (also known as the Kissinger Commission).

In addition, Senator Inouye has championed the interest of Hawaii’s people throughout his career.

On May 24, 2008, Senator Inouye married Irene Hirano, who is President of the U.S.-Japan Council. He was married for nearly 57 years to Margaret Awamura Inouye, a former instructor at the University of Hawaii, who passed away on March 13, 2006.

He has a son, Ken, who is married to Jessica Carroll from Rochester, New York, and a granddaughter, Mary Margaret “Maggie” Inouye.

MAJOR GENERAL (RET) DEE ANN McWILLIAMS
President, U.S. Army Women’s Foundation

General McWilliams retired in 2011 as Acting Director of the Institute for National Intelligence for the Director of National Intelligence. In twenty-nine years with the United States Army, she held a variety of Human Relations positions, commanding four companies, a training battalion, and a personnel brigade. She also taught national strategic studies and leadership, and served as an Equal Opportunity Officer.

General McWilliams holds degrees from Lon Morris College and Stephen F. Austin University, and has been named a distinguished alumnus of both. Additionally, she graduated from Texas Woman’s University and the National War College. She serves on the board of directors for Lon Morris College, US Army Women’s Foundation, Women in Military Service Association/Women’s Memorial at Arlington Cemetery and the Army Historical Foundation.

U.S. ARMY WOMEN WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM

To the Army women who served in Vietnam – when they were needed, they were there: from the Hospitals to the Field Units to the Headquarters to the War Rooms, from Saigon to Long Binh to Da Nang.

It is our pleasure to honor you today as we congratulate you on your distinguished careers, paving the way for today’s generation of Army women.

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